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NEXT KCDXC MEETING: Aug. 31 - The August KCDXC meeting will be a virtual meeting on Aug. 31, at 7 PM. Like last time K0VXU will send out an invitational link to members. Watch your email for details on the meeting prior to meeting night. Hopefully, our next Meeting may actually be back at the Library Live. The famous Pie Eating Contest will re-convene after the next actual KCDXC meeting.

BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER!



This month's featured antenna, is NX0I's all band vertical, seen on the left. It is a beautiful site! Despite HOA restrictions Jerry works lots of DX! His neighbors are obviously reasonable people! NX0I has Homebrewed some mods to his Hustler Vertical and is active on 6-80 Meters. Looking closely at the base it can be seen that NX0I has installed numerous radials. Jerry proves that a large array is not required to work DX. NX0I has topped 2500 slots on the ARRL DXCC Challenge award! Send over your antenna pics so you can be featured: ab0x@kc.rr.com

KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	DIGI	IOTA	160	6 M DXCC	DX Challenge
AB0X	357	353	349	232		225	30	2374
W0GJ	354	344	354	292		236	20	2799
N0RB	352	346	350				23	1806
K0CA	350	349	350	331	318	112		2631
N0CWR	350	349	350	326	975	202	54	2890
NX0I	350	349	347	244		208	4	2502
K3PA	350	348	345	319		186	36	2729
K0HQW	349	333	347			33		1352
KS0DX	347	318	348	129	360			2218
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
AC0A	348	318	348		838		15	2223
K0VXU	348	335	331	265	439	143	2	2295
K0GY	344	340	344	290			5	2295
KB0X	336							
K0AP	334	331	325	295		47	8	2353
W0QQ	334	231	332	193	151	110		1706
K4SX	331	277	314	146		52		1617
KE5BR	330	177	297	79				742
WA0WOF	330							
K0THN	329	314	284		179	1		
W0MB	325	229	324	251				1849
W0FS	322	270	295	230	657	181		1165
K0XM	321	282	274	42	26			1770
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1296
AC0C	310	306	267	243	160	128	3	1852
NS0D	263	219	142	130		3	2	
W0XE	248	216	193	14				833
AI60	238	205	176	205		19	10	
AD0K	226	214	80	85	183	22	3	888
W0DR	225	30	174	70		5	7	622
N9GB	203							
KS0AA	172	75	84	154		3		507
W0ZAP	129	36	73	98		5	6	382
WD0SRI	63	17	56			1	1	

Red indicates member is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions.

NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Send to ab0x@kc.rr.com . All updates are shared with W0XE, for the KCDXC web page. Please only one update a month.

DX NEWS & VIEWS

BY AB0X

LOCAL BOYS SCORE BIG!

In the recent *QST*, K0VXU, is listed as the winner of the Midwest Division in the ARRL Phone DX Contest with a score over 300K! Congrats, Russ!! Send a jpg. over when the certificate arrives.

K0XM received this week in the mail a beautiful certificate from CQ for his contest effort in the CQ 160 Meter Test. Nice work Chuck!



Raw Scores Call Search

2020 CQ 160M CW Contest

Single-Op Assisted Low Power - K0XM

Raw scores before log checking. Last updated: 2020-02-11

Listing shows rank, call, score, and operators. Checklogs are not included.

Submitting Your Log

*Web Log Upload

ADIF Converter

Logs Received - CW

Logs Received - SSB

World: #211 of 398

206 K4YJ.....34,338
207 K9GS.....34,278
208 KE3K.....34,026
209 LZ5QZ.....33,594
210 N7US.....33,488
211 K0XM.....33,330
212 DL8ZAJ.....32,554
213 RA4DR.....32,412
214 KG9IL.....31,781
215 9A2GA.....31,605
216 K4FN.....31,588
[all_scores]

Continent: #33 of 91

28 VE3DS.....35,374
29 K4YJ.....34,338
30 K9GS.....34,278
31 KE3K.....34,026
32 N7US.....33,488
33 K0XM.....33,330
34 KG9IL.....31,781
35 K4FN.....31,588
36 K8LY.....28,236
37 NS3T.....27,816
38 K2YR.....26,064
[all_scores]

Country (W): #27 of 80

22 KI0F.....35,786
23 K4YJ.....34,338
24 K9GS.....34,278
25 KE3K.....34,026
26 N7US.....33,488
27 K0XM.....33,330
28 KG9IL.....31,781
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Worldwide DX Activity:

SE7, MOROCCO (Special Event). Members of the Association Royale des Radio-Amateurs du

Maroc will be active using the special prefix 5E7 between August 17-31st. Activity is to celebrate the 67th anniversary of the Fête La Révolution du Roi et du Peuple -- Revolution of the King and the People in Morocco (August 20th, 1953).

5Z, KENYA. Andy, 5Z4/G3AB, who has been based/resides in Nairobi (been there since September 30th, 2019)[WW Loc. KI88jr], is now active as 5Z4VJ (he states on August 12th). He made 55k + QSOs as 5Z4/G3AB. Activity is on various HF bands using an IC-7300 and KX3, Hexbeam and vertical wire antennas. No antennas for 160m (restricted space). Station is located in a city apartment with high, intermittent local noise levels, so please be patient. QSL via LoTW or M0URX.

5Z, KENYA. Jack, ZS5J, reports on QRZ.com: "After a long wait - I have been living and working in Kenya for 3 years, I finally received approval for a full Kenya callsign - 5Z4J. My home callsign is ZS5J (South Africa), and my other callsigns allocated to me are C91J (Mozambique), A25J (Botswana) and 7P8/ZS5J (Lesotho). At this stage I will only be confirming QSOs with LoTW. But please be patient - I received my Kenya local license today (14 August 20), so I still have to bother the ARRL to get this new callsign registered on LoTW." Jack mentions that most of his ham equipment is too big to transport to Kenya, so they remain at home in South Africa. He currently has the following gear with him in Kenya:

HF: Icom IC-7300, Icom IC-7100, Icom IC-7000, Elecraft KX3 and PX3 panadapter, Yaesu FT-891 and McHF SDR

VHF: Kenwood TM-D700A

ANTENNAS: An multiband 80-10m antenna. A 80-30 meter EFHW impedance transformer with a 133 ft wire sloping antenna up a tree at 85 ft.

8A62, INDONESIA (Special Event). Look for special event station 8A62BALI to be active between August 21-23rd. Activity is to celebrate 62nd anniversary of the Bali Province. It is suggested to watch the following frequencies on the following days:

August 21st -- 2 meters (145.550 MHz)

August 22nd -- 80 meters (3.870 MHz)

August 23rd -- 40 meters (7.135 MHz)

QSL via info on QRZ.com, direct or by the Bureau.

9M63, WEST MALAYSIA. (Special Event). Radio amateurs from Kangar, Perlis, West Malaysia, will be active with the special callsign 9M63MR to celebrate the 63rd Malaysian Independence Day. Activity will be on various HF bands and modes. QSL via 9M63MR.

A50BOC VIDEO (CADXA Club Program). The August 2020 CADXA club program was on the "A50BOC: Bhutan - The Land of the Thunder Dragon" presented by Adrian Ciuperca, K08SCA. The 58 minutes video is available on YouTube.com https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vVK3JJ4rnvU&feature=emb_logo

AT5, INDIA (Special Event). Members of the West Bengal Amateur Radio Club were active as AT5AUG between August 14-16th. Activity was to celebrate the 74th Indian Independence Day (August 15th) on various HF bands. QSL info is eQSL via VU2NRO or eQSL via vu2wb@yahoo.com.

AU2, INDIA (Special Event). Members of the Indian Academy of Communication & Disaster Management were active as AU2AUG on August 15th. Activity was to celebrate the 74th Indian Independence Day (August 15th). QSL info is eQSL via VU2MQT.

E5, NORTH COOK ISLANDS. Warwick, E51WL, has returned to Penrhyn Atoll (July 28th) and is back on the air after being in New Zealand (left July 25th). He was heard this past week on 20 meters FT8/FT4 (as early as 1900z and as late as 0500z). Warwick mentions that he now has a 2m EME amplifier and an antenna (yet to be installed).

LOTW NEWS (Help Support Logbook of the World!). From the ARRL Development Department: Since 2003, Logbook of The World has provided amateur radio operators with a quick, simple way to claim and verify contacts. This verification formerly required exchange of paper QSL cards and submission of a paper application to ARRL - a slow, environmentally unfriendly, and somewhat expensive process. Using LoTW today, some digital contacts get confirmed within minutes of when they conclude.

Because ARRL wants there to be no barriers to stations uploading their QSOs, LoTW is available to any amateur radio operator at no cost to the user. However, there are costs incurred by ARRL for Logbook operations run by ARRL staff members including costs for programmers, equipment, web access, and user help and support.

The future of LoTW!

ARRL Headquarters staff works with a permanent committee to oversee, maintain, and improve LoTW. Some notable achievements and goals that have resulted from this work include:

- * Continuous reviewing and updating of Logbook processes to facilitate ease of use
- * Adding new ARRL awards as well as awards from other organizations
- * Enhancing DX registration through supporting email methods
- * Adding support for multiple locations within a single upload, which supports the rover and mobile communities
- * Future growth including a redesign of Logbook's web presence

Today, LoTW is more important than ever!

- * The worldwide COVID-19 pandemic has significantly slowed international mail.
- * In some countries, the mail has been embargoed.
- * Many national ham radio societies have discontinued their QSL bureaus and it's unlikely that they will reappear.

Your donation to Logbook of The World will support maintenance of the current database and expansion of the system in the future.

Visit the ARRL Donation Page (<https://www.arrl.org/arrl-donation-form>) to support Logbook of The World today!

OJ0, MARKET REEF. Henri, OH3JR, is once again active as OJ0JR from Market Reef (EU-053) until August 21st. Activity will be limited to his free time because he helps with maintenance of lighthouse while there. Look for operations on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via his home callsign or ClubLog.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (August 17-23rd).....

Aug/17th AN	Aug/20th HN	Aug/22nd AN
Aug/18th AN	Aug/21st HN	Aug/23rd AN
Aug/19th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
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AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRV DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites for propagation:

- * VOACAP predication Web page at: <http://www.voacap.com/hf> and <http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html>
- * DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: <https://dx.qsl.net/propagation>
- * A daily HF radio wave propagation can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm>
- * SolarHam Web page: <http://www.solarham.net>
- * Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at: <http://sunspotwatch.com>
- * News and Information About The Sun-Earth Environment: <https://www.spaceweather.com>
- * Monthly propagation charts between four USA regions and twelve overseas locations are at: <http://arrl.org/propagation>
- * Information and tutorials on propagation are at: <http://k9la.us>
- * Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: <http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation>
- * Point to point propagation at: <http://www.predtest.uk/p2p.html>
- * Real-time propagation at: <http://www.predtest.uk>
- * Also on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm>

QSO TODAY VIRTUAL HAM EXPO (A Big Hit!). It would seem that the QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo held on August 8-9th, was a big success with over 26,000 registered and over 14,000 on the platform both days. The Virtual Ham Expo Chairman Eric Guth, 4Z1UG/WA6IGR, told the ARRL, "It was far better than we expected" and the event sponsors and exhibitors that he has heard from so far "are thrilled with the turnout, engagement, and responses that they received." He said they're also enthusiastic about the second QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo, set for March 13-14th, 2021. "Our plan is to offer this twice a year," Guth added. Read the complete ARRL news release at: <http://www.arrl.org/news/qso-today-virtual-ham-expo-to-become-twice-yearly-event> .

Also, those who had registered, but did not log into the live event can see it all on demand until September 9th, at: <https://qsotoday.vfairs.com> .

TT8, CHAD (Postponed Again). The Italian Dxpedition Team, who was expected to be active as TT8RR and TT8XX from the Capital City Ndjamena between September 29th and October 12th, have announced that their DXpedition has been "postponed to next year, Covid-19 situation permitting." For more details and updates, watch: <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt>

XT2, BURKINA FASO. Max, DK1MAX, who was expected to once again be active as XT2MAX from Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, sometime during November/December. has posted the following on QRZ.com [edited]: "Due to the current travel limitations I decided to delay my planned XT2MAX 2020 activity until sometime in 2021."

THANKS TO THE OHIO/PENN DX BULLETIN!

MY FIRST DX CONTACT

BY ABOX

Can you remember your first DX contact? I remember my first DX QSO like it was yesterday. That contact sparked an enthusiasm for DXing that has lasted over 58 years!

I was 13 years old and had just passed my General test and couldn't wait to get on 20 meters. I had strung a homebrewed inverted V from a tree to my second story shack roof. I tuned 20 Meters for the first time as a General that same evening. Down around 14.028 MHZ I heard KV4AA running a pile up with dozens of hams calling. KV4AA was 20DB over S9 on my Hallicrafters SX-110. I went off frequency and tuned my trusty Globe Scout 65A to full output of about 60 watts. Tuning back to the pile up I listened intently.

I had to look up KV4 on the countries list as I was a real rookie to DXing. I listened to several QSOs to learn the routine of a DX contact. KV4AA, Dick Spenceley, was a well-known contesteer and op in the DX world. I finally got the courage to call him after he completed a QSO. It was a great surprise when KV4AA came right back to me at a rather fast clip. I made my Vibroplex Bug dance across the desk as I sent his report and my QTH of KS. KV4AA came back and said "Sure QSL. 73 De KV4AA."

Below is a pic of KV4AA's QSL card and a shot of Dick in his shack:



I filled out a QSL for KV4AA before I left the shack that night. Of course, it went out in the morning mail. Back then hams still replied to QSL cards quickly without enclosing money or IRCs. Dick's card came back to me in about 2 weeks. It was thumb tacked to the wall as my first DX QSL.

The DX bug had bitten me and nearly 6 decades and 356 countries later, I still find it fascinating to work stations all over the world. I worked KV4AA many times later in my DX life. Dick has been a Silent Key for many years now, but he will always be remembered as my first DX contact.

* *KCDXC members please share with the club your first DX contact. Send a pic if you still have the QSL and a little description of your first experience with DX, and it will be placed in the newsletter. Send your story to ab0x@kc.rr.com .**

PAYPAL UPDATE FROM W0ZAP

KCDXC Treasurer, W0ZAP, has updated the KCDXC Paypal account under his name and address. K0VBU will soon add the new link to the KCDXC web page. The email for the KCDXC Paypal is now KCDXCLLC@gmail.com .

Contact the Editor of the KC DX News at ab0x@kc.rr.com if you have news or comments.



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